

FACT SHEET



Marengo Former Manufacturing Gas Plant Superfund Site Marengo, Iowa

June 2002

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 performed sampling activities in your community during the week of June 3 - 8, 2002. The purpose of the sampling was to collect ground water samples from 22 wells (one municipal well) to determine the current nature and extent of contamination from the Marengo Former Manufacturing Gas Plant. Soil samples were also collected to assess site contamination.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Marengo Former Manufacturing Gas Plant is located at the south edge of Marengo, situated immediately south of the intersection of Miller Street and Marengo Avenue. The site covers one acre and is currently occupied by Hinrichs Construction Company.

The exact time frame of manufactured gas operations at the site is not known, however, historical records show that gas may have been manufactured at the site by Marengo Gas Company from approximately 1905 until 1919. The manufactured gas production may have resulted in releases of chemicals such as benzene and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in surface soil and ground water at the site.

EPA will examine the sampling results and determine what steps should be taken to address the site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EPA provides information about the Superfund Program to community members to make sure that individuals clearly understand our clean up process, and our purpose for entering your community. If you have further questions, please contact:

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